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INFORMATION REGARDING IT EVASION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of information received regarding income tax evasion during each of the last three years; (h) whether any award/incentive is being given to the informers of income tax evasion in collusion with departmental employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of income-tax officials involved in IT evasion; and

(e) the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The Income-tax Department receives information about tax evasion from various sources. The Government does not maintain a central database of details of such information.

(b) & (c) The Government grants reward to informers in appropriate cases in accordance with the Reward Guidelines framed for the purpose. The Guidelines specify the basis for grant of such reward, which includes the additional revenue generated, relatable to the specific information furnished by the informant. The decision to grant such reward is taken by Committees consisting of senior officers of the Government. The question of collusion of informers with departmental employees in such decision-making does not arise.

(d) & (e) The Government does not maintain a central data base regarding tax evasion detected in respect of any category or class of persons. Whenever any instance of tax evasion comes to the notice of the Government, appropriate action under the law is taken.